

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The web cam system of claim [[1]] 3 wherein said interlude switch when toggled to said view mode:
causes said image capturing computer readable program code portion to drive said digital camera to capture images of a scene; and
causes said internet interfacing computer readable program code portion to effect the transmittal of said image data, for incorporation of said image data into said web cam page, to a web site hosting said web cam page.

3. (currently amended) ~~The web cam system of claim 1~~ A web cam system, comprising:
a digital camera for capturing an image of a user,
wherein said digital camera is configured to generate image data,
wherein said digital camera is configured to be connected with a computer, and
wherein said digital camera is configured to provide said image data to said computer;
a computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions embodied therein for causing the interfacing of said digital camera with said computer, said computer executable instructions comprising:
an image capturing computer readable program code portion configured to cause said computer to effect the capturing of said image, wherein said image comprises still or video images;

14 an internet interfacing computer readable program code portion configured to
15 cause said computer to effect the transmittal of said image data, for incorporation of said image
16 data into a web cam page, to a web site hosting said web cam page; and
17 an interlude switch,
18 wherein said interlude switch is configured to be toggled between a view mode
19 and an interlude mode;
20 wherein said view mode provides live images from said digital camera; and
21 wherein said interlude mode provides at least one alternate image from a source
22 other than a live image captured by said digital camera;
23 wherein said interlude mode is active in the absence of a phone call by a user;
24 wherein, upon detecting the initiation of a phone call by a user, said interlude
25 switch switches to said view mode to provide said live image;
26 wherein said interlude switch when toggled to said interlude mode:
27 causes said image capturing computer readable program code portion to stop said
28 digital camera from capturing images of a scene;
29 causes said internet interfacing computer readable program code portion to effect
30 the replacement of said image data with preselected images; and
31 causes said internet interfacing computer readable program code portion to effect
32 the transmittal of said preselected images, for incorporation of said preselected images into said
33 web cam page, to a web site hosting said web cam page, as if said preselected images were
34 captured by said digital camera.

1 4. - 9. (canceled)

1 10. (currently amended) The web cam system of claim [[1]] 3 wherein said
2 alternate image is one of: still images, slide shows, video images, commercials, or images
3 captured by another web cam system.

1 11. (original) The web cam system of claim 10 wherein said preselected
2 images are stored on said computer.

1 12. (original) The web cam system of claim 10 wherein said preselected
2 images are stored at a remote site.

3 13. - 25. (canceled)

1 26. (currently amended) The web cam system of claim [[1]] 3 wherein said
2 interlude switch is computer code configured to cause a change in the source of images.

1 27. (currently amended) The web cam system of claim [[1]] 3 wherein said
2 source other than a live image captured by said digital camera is a second digital camera.

1 28. (canceled)